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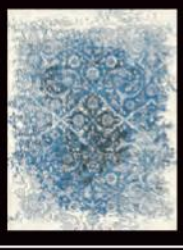

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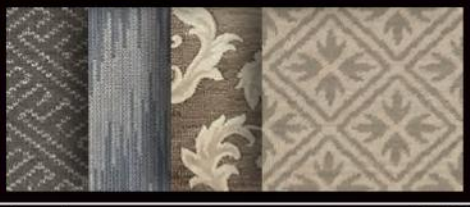

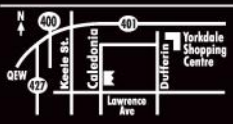

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white is RIGHT

In high school, I was the girl who dressed in black from head to toe. I took my fashion inspiration from photographs of '60s socialite and model Edie Sedgwick and never wavered from my look of monochromatic clothes and heavy black eyeliner. You get the picture. Over the years, the look mellowed, of course, and the odd bit of colour found its way in, but the majority of my wardrobe was still dark and "cool." I hadn't worn anything white – even at my wedding – until last summer.

In July 2015, my husband and I were in Paris during a heat wave. The temperature soared to more than 40°C and remained that way for the entire week – and I had nothing to wear. I'd packed jeans, long skirts and pretty mid-length dresses, perfect for the city's normal 20°C July weather. It never occurred to me to pack for record-breaking highs. Now, I know what you're thinking: How *convenient* to have nothing to wear in Paris – the mecca of fashion – but I can assure you, we were on a strict spending allowance. Wine and croissants were in the budget, clothes were not.

Fortunately, July is sales month in Paris, so it just made sense that I took advantage, right? Off to the shops I went and shocked myself by buying a crisp cotton shirt-dress – in white. That was the day my love for black began to fade.

When I returned home, I began to imagine my house, with its dark beams and charcoal-painted walls, magically transformed with white. The idea of living in a pale space with the same freshness as my white shirt-dress suddenly felt liberating. All I have to do now is convince my husband….

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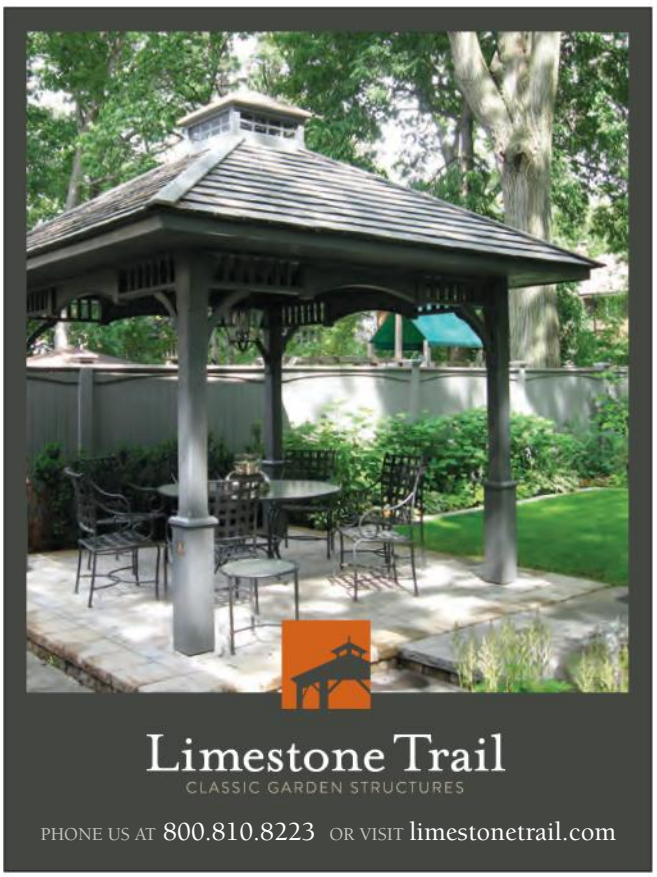
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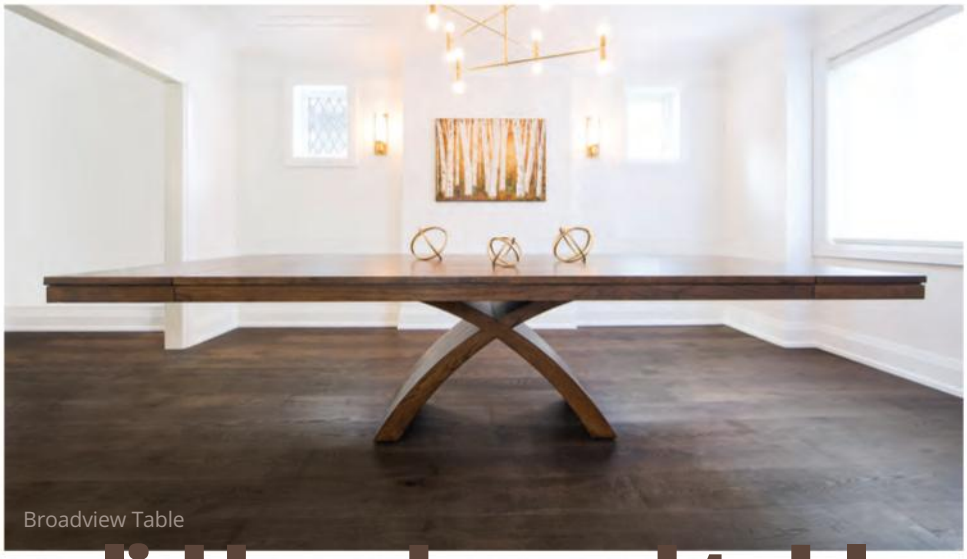
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Ever since my husband and I were gifted a subscription to *Style at Home* after purchasing our house last year, we've looked forward to receiving the magazine each month. It has become a source of inspiration and information during our intense full-scale renovation. My husband loves the High or Low column, while I enjoy any makeover story that includes a floor plan. As someone who works in the architectural field, I get such satisfaction from seeing a simple layout transform into a colourful three-dimensional space. Thank you for showcasing design scenarios we can relate to.

KELLY LAM, VIA EMAIL

LITTLE **LUXURIES**

I've been reading *Style at Home* for more years than I can remember. After seeing many issues strewn throughout our house, my husband purchased a subscription for me as a birthday gift. Shortly after, I discovered an idea for a built-in corner unit that has changed the entire look of our family room. Now, when a new issue arrives, I treat myself to something small for our home that relates to an idea shared in the magazine. Thank you for my perpetual birthday present and for the numerous treasures I have added to our space as a result.

JUDY BALL, LONDON, ON

SIMPLE **THINGS**

The arrival of *Style at Home* each month gives me a thrill, because I know I'm in for a fulfilling evening. I don't have a big budget, but many of the ideas presented in the magazine have taught me that sometimes the smallest changes are enough to update a room. I have a tiny balcony and have been motivated to create a space that's not only comfortable and inviting but also functional.

KATHRYN MORROW, LAVAL, QC

CREATIVE **MIND**

I anticipate the arrival of *Style at Home* long before it's delivered to my door. I'm a stay-at-home mom of two, so creating a serene and stylish space while maintaining a sense of humour saves my sanity. Right now I'm dreaming of transforming my deck into an inviting destination. The DIY outdoor side table featured in High or Low (June 2016, page 48) looks like a particularly brilliant project. I can't wait to begin!

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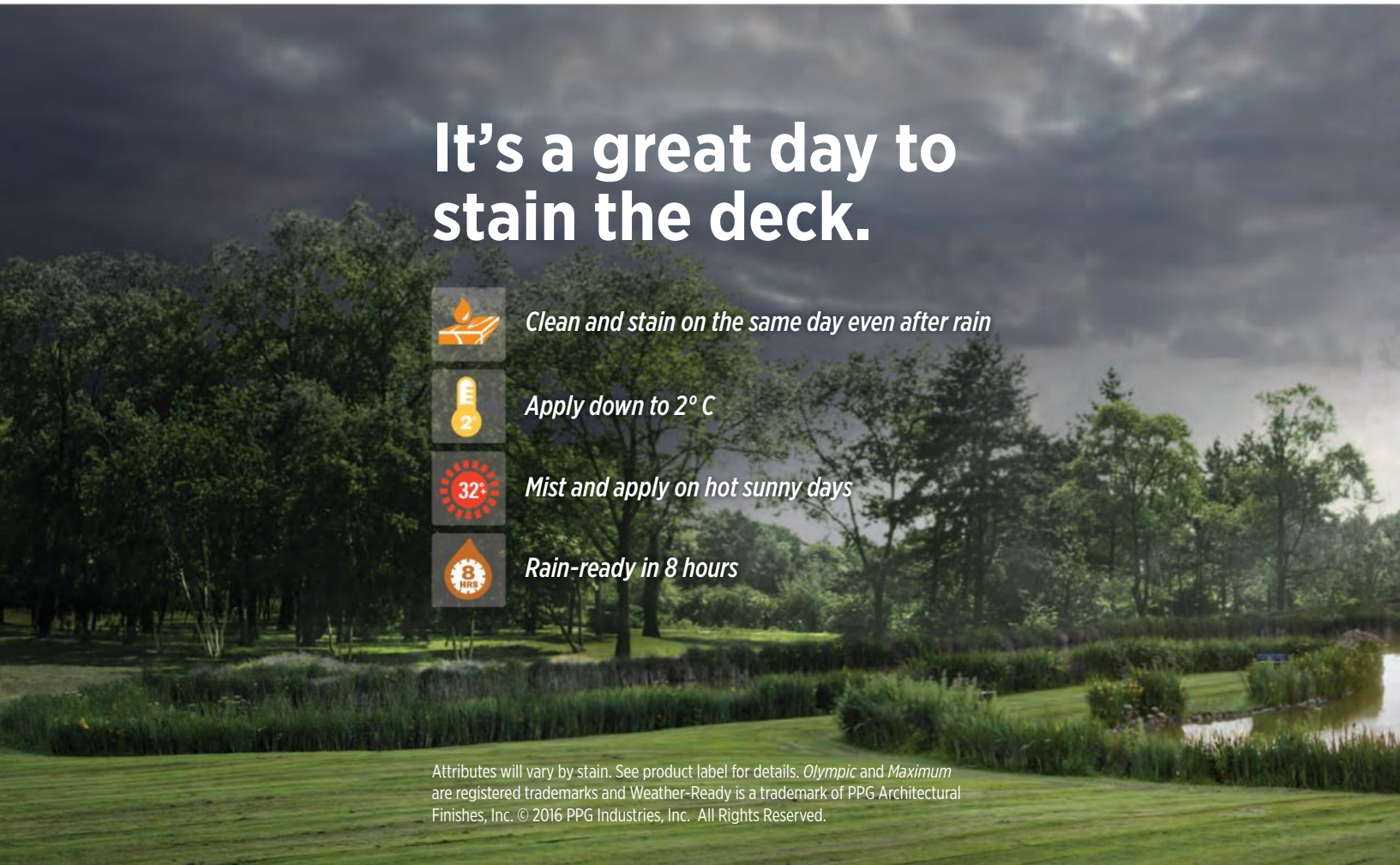

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Cover walls in a trendy marbled paper and then accessorize the space with warm metals.

Arrange your favourite summer blooms in this angular beauty.

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nude

This barely-there blush tone is so pretty yet so neutral it goes with just about anything.

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Get summer-ready with a new pair of shades in this of-the-moment colour.

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1 Hazel large Matchstick Tube **PENDANT LIGHT** in Terra Cotta & Natural and Banded Cone **PENDANT LIGHT** in Terra Cotta, $449 US each, Rejuvenation, rejuvenation.com.

2 XO **PRINT,** 18″ x 24″, $65 US, Rifle Paper Co., riflepaperco.com.

3 Marbled Stripe **WALL-PAPER** in Blushing Taupe, $68 US per single roll, Rebecca Atwood, rebeccaatwood.com.

4 Ceramic nude fluted **VASE,** $35, The Cross Decor & Design, thecrossdesign.com.

5 Dream Big **SHOES** in Pink Dream, $519 US, Josefinas, josefinas.com.

6 Neapolitan **TOSS CUSHION** in Rose, 20″, $118, Elte Market, eltemkt.com.

7 Deborah Lippmann Sheer **NAIL LACQUER** in Naked, $20, Sephora, sephora.ca.

8 Jacqui **SOFA** with polyester blend Kravet fabric in 30299, $7,062, Barrymore Furniture, barrymorefurniture.com.

9 Adeline **SUNGLASSES** in Pearl Clear Fade, $139, Toms, toms.ca.

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PRODUCER MARY LEVITSKI

tidy to go

MUST-DO CLEANING

During trip prep, chores can fall off your to-do list, but some are non-negotiable. Toss food that won't last the duration of your absence and empty every trash bin. Wash and dry the dishes. (Never turn on the dishwasher as you head to the airport, as the appliance could malfunction and leak.) Cover your outdoor furniture and bring accessories to safety indoors.

SAFETY FIRST

Hope for the best, expect the worst. In wintertime, prevent your pipes from freezing and bursting by shutting off the waterlines to the washing machine, dishwasher and all faucets. A power surge is an uncommon event but can be a major pain, damaging any appliance on the grid, so take the time to unplug any devices that aren't on a surge protector.

get the lived-in look

GIVE YOUR PLACE THE APPEARANCE THAT YOU NEVER LEFT

Manage the mail.

Ask a friend to pick it up every few days or have the post office suspend service. If you're planning to be gone for a month or longer, you may want to freeze your newspaper and magazine subscriptions, too.

Maintain a manicured lawn.

Hire a professional or a neighbourhood kid to keep the grass trim or, in winter, the snow cleared.

Park your car in the garage.

Don't leave it languishing in the driveway. As extra precautions, unplug the electric garage opener, which can be tampered with, and lock the door from the garage into the house.

Don't neglect trash day.

If possible, ask a neighbour to wheel your bins to the curb and back when they put out their own.

DO

Ask a neighbour, friend or family member to keep an eye on your place while you're gone.

DON'T

Forget to tell them about any tradespeople (such as the landscaper, pet sitter or cleaner) who may come by.

get smart

Keep your home safe with these clever smartphone-controlled devices.

BRIGHT IDEA

This remote-access energy-efficient bulb is the next generation of the light timer (an outdated tool burglars can easily spot).

Belkin WeMo Smart LED **LIGHT BULB,** $30, Best Buy, bestbuy.ca.

NESTING INSTINCT

The Nest thermostat senses and adjusts to your routine. The smoke detector can pinpoint the source of trouble, including carbon monoxide.

Nest 3rd Generation Learning **THERMOSTAT,** $329, and 2nd Generation Protect **SMOKE DETECTOR,** $129, The Home Depot, homedepot.ca.

LEAK LOCK

Use this cabled system on everything from the washer to the water heater to catch moisture problems like leaks and freezing.

Honeywell Lyric **LEAK SENSOR,** $80, The Home Depot, homedepot.ca.

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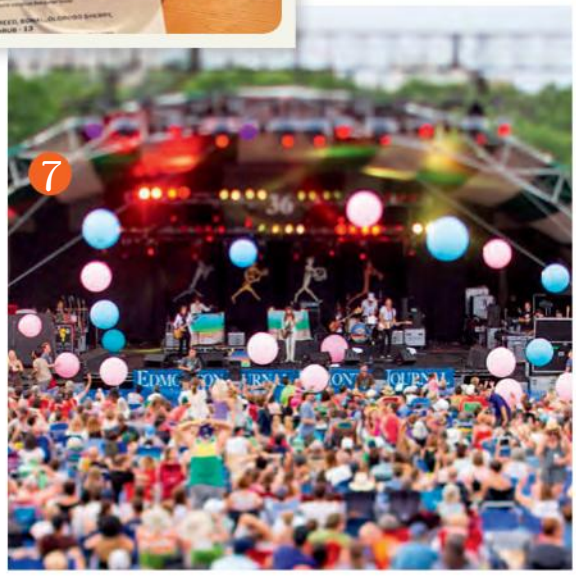
Interesting forms, unique patterns and pretty palettes make up Concrete Cat's wares.



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Number of days to spend here

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ALBERTA

EDITOR'S ITINERARY: Edmonton

Style at Home editor-in-chief Erin McLaughlin visits Alberta's capital for the first time – and resolves it won't be her last.

Day 1

One of Edmonton's best calling cards is its stunning **North Saskatchewan River valley (6),** so stay at the ideally located **Fairmont Hotel Macdonald** and request a room with a river-valley view. Arrive in time to watch the sunset from the hotel's patio, which overlooks the largest urban parkway in North America. Those four iconic glass pyramids tucked amid the trees belong to the **Muttart Conservatory,** a botanical garden definitely worth visiting. Take a three-minute walk along downtown's rapidly gentrifying Jasper Avenue to get to the über-casual **Tres Carnales Taqueria.** It's widely regarded as one of the best Mexican restaurants in Canada, and for good reason. The owners keep the main menu simple (just tacos, tortas and quesadillas) and impress with fresh ingredients. You can't go wrong with ordering any item, but the chunky guacamole and homemade tortilla chips are not to be overlooked. End your evening with a drink at **Woodwork (1)** – this hip place serves wood-fired fare and finely made cocktails.

Day 2

Start your morning with a satisfying latte at **Coffee Bureau (4)** before spending an hour or two at the hopping outdoor farmers' market, **City Market Downtown.**

Option No.1: Head over to the trendy Strathcona neighbourhood and stroll along its famed Whyte Avenue. Make sure to stop by **Poppy Barley (2),** a shop featuring gorgeous handcrafted bespoke footwear, as well as **Concrete Cat's (3)** atelier for interesting cast-concrete *objets d'art* (book an appointment in advance). Dine at **Noorish,** a vegetarian hot spot with cool Arabian-style decor, for organic plant-based eats (squeeze in a yoga session at its studio if you want the full nourishing experience).

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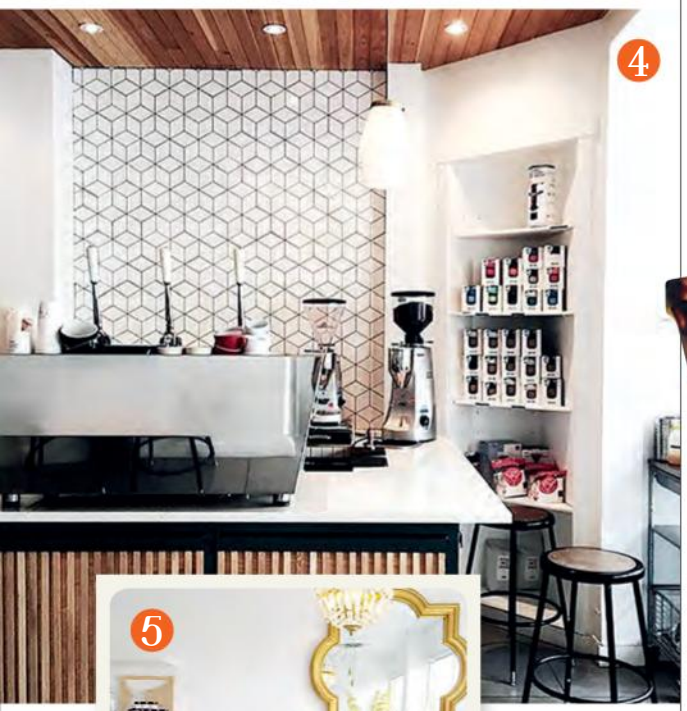

Option No.2: Hit up Edmonton's vibrant shopping district on 124 Street and explore decor shops, such as **Dwell Modern,** and pretty boutiques like **Pura Botanicals (5),** where you can customize your own eco-friendly perfume. Sustain all your shopping efforts with coffee and cake at the world-class **Duchess Bake Shop (8).** The limited edition croissant is a new favourite (it's filled with raspberry rose gelée and finished with a lychee glaze and dried raspberries). Then, head right next door to **Duchess Provisions,** where you'll find gourmet ingredients, cookbooks and kitchen tools, including cookie cutters in nearly every shape you can imagine.

If you happen to visit during the **Edmonton Folk Music Festival (7)** – August 4 to 7 – spend the afternoon at beautiful Gallagher Park and take in a couple of shows. Or soak up the carnival-like atmosphere and theatrical performances at the **Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival** (August 11 to 26).

Back at the hotel, have a power nap before strolling to the intimate Italian restaurant **Corso 32** for dinner (make reservations at least a month in advance). The freshly made goat ricotta comes highly recommended – it's so creamy it borders on divine.

Day 3

Spend the day exploring the much-adored **West Edmonton Mall,** or if you've exhausted your shopping muscles, try a floral or craft workshop at **Cory Christopher's** design studio.

what to PACK

Take only the essentials – you'll be loading your luggage with these Edmonton finds.

bold bling

▶ 14-karat gold-plated Trina **NECKLACE,** $98, Hunt Amor, huntamor.com.

sexy shades

▲ Sam **SUNGLASSES** in Tokyo Tortoise, $155, J.Crew, jcrew.com.

cool arm candy

▼ Fringe Bucket **BAG,** from $575, Sylvia Soo Leather, sylviasooleather.com.

trendy tee

▶ Cotton **T-SHIRT,** $30, Still in Edmonton, stillinedmonton.com.

fab footwear

◀ The Two Point Five **BOOTS** in Desert Tan, from $350, Poppy Barley, poppybarley.com.

skin saver

◀ Face & Body **SUNSCREEN** with SPF 31, $22, Rocky Mountain Soap Co., rockymountainsoap.com.

PLAN YOUR OWN TRIP

North Saskatchewan River
edmonton.ca

Fairmont Hotel Macdonald
fairmont.com/macdonald

Muttart Conservatory
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Tres Carnales Taqueria
trescarnales.com

Woodwork
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Coffee Bureau
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City Market Downtown
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Dwell Modern
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Pura Botanicals
purabotanicals.com

Duchess Bake Shop & Duchess Provisions
duchessbakeshop.com

Edmonton Folk Music Festival
edmontonfolkfest.org

Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival
fringetheatre.ca

Corso 32
corso32.com

West Edmonton Mall
wem.ca

Cory Christopher
corychristopher.ca

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kitchen cravings

This issue, we round up the latest and greatest kitchen must-haves, including gourmet products, drink picks and more.

1

BELL OF THE BALL

Round up hungry troops with this classic-meets-contemporary hand-bent steel dinner bell.

Triangle **DINNER BELL,** $65 US, Schoolhouse Electric & Supply Co., schoolhouseelectric.com.

how to serve

Top pasta with lemon salt and Parmesan, or sprinkle the salt on cooked fish.

2

PINCH OF SALT

This sea salt blend is made with lemon zest and fresh-from-the-garden parsley and lemon balm, giving it a light citrus taste suited to summer meals, such as grilled fish and vegetables.

Lemon **FINISHING SALT,** $8, South Pond Farms, southpondfarms.ca.

3

TASTE OF PARIS

You no longer have to leave the country to get your hands on the delectable pastel-coloured macarons from Ladurée. The beloved Parisian patisserie opened its first Canadian location in Vancouver this past spring.

Ladurée Vancouver, 1141 Robson St., laduree.com.

4

ALL ABOARD

This smooth solid-walnut board elicits visions of bread, cheeses and fruits piled high, looking picture perfect in the centre of a table surrounded by famished friends.

Walnut 6.0.2 Hole Slab Pico **BOARD,** $140, OnOurTable, onourtable.ca.

summer wine picks

SHIRAZ CABERNET SAUVIGNON, $15, Mallee Rock, malleerock.com.

Seriously Cool **CHARDONNAY,** $16, Southbrook Vineyards, southbrook.com.

Looking for wines to impress your hosts this summer? Mallee Rock Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon boasts ripe blackberry and plum notes, while the Chardonnay from Southbrook Vineyards is light and refreshing (its cute label is the cherry on top).

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chocolate-dipped *matcha pops*

Just when you think *summer can't get any hotter,* along comes another week of higher-than-high temperatures. The *best antidote?* A not-too-sweet frozen treat in the shape of a *delectable ice pop.* Made with good-for-you *matcha powder and coconut milk,* this dessert will have you hoping for another heat wave.

RECIPE JENNIFER BARTOLI
PHOTOGRAPHY MAYA VISNYEI
FOOD STYLING CLAIRE STUBBS
PROP STYLING ANN MARIE FAVOT

THIS REFRESHING DESSERT WILL DELIGHT BOTH YOUNG AND OLD ON THOSE BLAZING HOT DAYS OF AUGUST.

INGREDIENTS

MAKES 10 POPS

- 1 tbsp matcha green tea powder
- 1 tbsp boiling water
- 1 400-ml can full-fat coconut milk
- ¾ cup unsweetened coconut milk beverage or 2% milk
- ½ cup sweetened condensed milk
- 2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 150 g good-quality dark chocolate, chopped

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, whisk together the matcha powder and boiling water until smooth. Slowly whisk in the full-fat coconut milk, coconut milk beverage, condensed milk and vanilla until combined. Divide the mixture among 10 ice-pop moulds. Freeze until the mixture is just starting to harden, about 45 minutes. Insert a Popsicle stick into the centre of each mould. Freeze until the pops are solid, about 8 hours or overnight. Keep the pops frozen until ready to serve.

In the top of a double boiler set over hot, not boiling, water, melt the chocolate. Transfer the melted chocolate to a heatproof bowl or tall glass; let cool slightly, about 5 minutes. Unmoulding one pop at a time and keeping the remainder in the freezer, dip each pop into the chocolate, letting the excess drip off. Let the chocolate harden and serve immediately.

lauren conrad

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BRITTANY DEVENYI

PHOTOGRAPHY
YONI GOLDBERG

Celebrated reality star, bona fide entrepreneur and entertaining expert Lauren Conrad dishes on how to throw the outdoor bash of your dreams.

DECOR DARLING

Land a reality show gig when you're in high school and life can lead you in many directions. For L.A. native Lauren Conrad, her ambitious beginnings starring in MTV's megahits *Laguna Beach* and *The Hills* are a mere footnote to the admirable career she's since crafted for herself. Now an accomplished fashion designer, bestselling author and overall lifestyle pundit (one look at the star's pastel-happy Instagram and it's clear she has an eye for all things beautiful), Lauren knows hard work – and, above all, how to commemorate such achievements. In conjunction with the release of her new entertaining book, *Celebrate*, we caught up with L.C. for advice on throwing a celeb-worthy outdoor soiree with elegance and ease.

An extra Five minutes together can make your whole day.

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Lauren's Instagram (@laurenconrad) is dotted with elegant decor ideas, such as this gold-accented vintage place setting from her bridal shower.

LAUREN CONRAD ON...

The Guest List

Further validating her status as a seasoned party host, Lauren explains that the perfect number of guests hinges on the amount of time you'd like to spend talking to each person and making sure you're realistically able to do so. "Hosting an intimate gathering isn't just about saying hello to everyone – it's about taking the time to have a conversation," she says.

An Intimate Setting

"One of the nice things about having a small outdoor space is that it doesn't take a lot to decorate it," says Lauren, adding that a few floral arrangements are often all you need to lend a tiny yard an enchanting atmosphere.

Differing Diets

Having grown up in L.A., Lauren is no stranger to fussy diets. "Half the people here won't eat gluten," she says with a laugh. On that note, the star suggests keeping the most common food preferences in mind when planning a menu but not going overboard. "I have a few friends who have crazy dietary restrictions, but they'll typically enter an event knowing they might not be able to eat everything, and I think they're used to that." The Cali native is also quick to add that when there's a guest of honour, the fare should always cater to his or her tastes.

outfit inspiration

Channel Lauren's signature style at your next alfresco event with this floral number from her Paper Crown line (paper-crown.com).

With nothing more than a cardboard box, colourful tissue paper, scissors and glue, Lauren constructed a house-shaped pinata for her housewarming party.

Count on this design-savvy host to create the classiest of champagne towers, as seen on her Instagram. We can't think of a better way to celebrate just about any occasion.

Surprise Parties

A much debated topic in the realm of entertaining, surprise parties don't sit well with some, including this lifestyle expert. "When party planning, it's about following the do-unto-others rule," says Lauren. "I don't like people shouting at me. I'm anti surprise."

entertaining tip

Dress up an outdoor space with fresh herbs arranged in small terracotta pots. The affordable option will impart a charming European feel to your yard.

Budget-friendly Decor

Believe it: Fashioning a show-stopping scheme for an alfresco affair can be easy and affordable. "If you have an outdoor location that's really beautiful, you don't have to do a lot in terms of decor," says the designer, pointing to a dinner party tablescape she created (shown, page 32), where a few strands of string lights, along with a row of vintage glass bottles spilling with cheerful flowers, were all it took to make the backyard setting shine. "If you need to cut the budget further, you could decorate with just greenery," she says.

Fail-safe Fare

"I love outdoor parties that revolve around a meal," says Lauren. "There's something so relaxing about eating outside." Whether you're hosting a cozy Moroccan-style brunch or a casual beach-inspired bash, the crafty celeb recommends serving small bites that don't need to be cut (we can't get enough of the rainbow-bright sorbet bar shown at left, for which Lauren created serving bowls by hollowing out tropical fruits). "If you're not having a formal sit-down dinner, it's nice to offer food that can be enjoyed while standing," she says. Lauren also suggests jazzing up classic spreads like charcuterie boards and cheese platters with fresh herbs and edible flowers.

For more of Lauren Conrad's entertaining tips, check out *Celebrate* (Dey Street Books, $34).

high OR low?

We designed a casual-chic dining room on budgets befitting a diner and a five-star restaurant. Can you tell the difference?

PRODUCER ANDREA MCCRINDLE | **TEXT** MARY LEVITSKI

PHOTOGRAPHY MICHAEL NANGREAVES

HIGH $13,007

HIGH & LOW Behr Marquee Quiet on the Set MQ3-04 **WALL PAINT,** and Gulf Waters MQ4-52 **ACCENT WALL & DOOR PAINT,** The Home Depot, homedepot.ca; black bentwood **DINING CHAIR,** Design Within Reach, dwr.com; **PLATES** (on dresser), Speck and Stone, speckandstone.com.

$2,670

1 Brass 6-light geometric frame **CHANDELIER** with tapered arms, Union Lighting and Furnishings, unionlf.com.

$1,650

2 Round **MIRROR** with picture-style polished stainless steel frame in Gold, Union Lighting and Furnishings, unionlf.com.

$545

3 Black-painted pine and ash Windsor-style **DINING CHAIR,** Sharon O'Dowd, sharonodowd.com.

$47

4 Square painted pine Zuma **TRAY** in Aqua Sky, Crate and Barrel, crateandbarrel.com.

$4,500

5 Antique walnut **DRESSER** with Carrara marble top, Carrocel, carrocel.com.

$2,198

6 Round powder-coated aluminum Beauty **DINING TABLE** with marble top, 48", Casalife, casalife.com.

$845

7 Oil-finished white oak Edwin **DINING CHAIR** in Black, Coolican & Company, coolicanandcompany.com.

$260

8 Hand-woven jute Popcorn **RUG** in Natural, 6′ x 9′, Pier 1 Imports, pier1.ca.

$167

9 Stained beech Ironica **DINING CHAIR** in Black, Ton, toncanada.com.

$125

10 Milk glass **VASES,** $75 (large), and $50 (medium), Peaks & Rafters, peaksandrafters.com.

LOW $3,406

$220

1 Canvas brushed brass 5-light Harlowe **CHANDELIER,** Canadian Tire, canadiantire.ca.

$70

2 Round **MIRROR** with gold-painted metal frame, HomeSense, homesense.ca.

$125

3 Antique painted pine Windsor-style **DINING CHAIR,** Elle & Eve, elleandeve.ca.

$20

4 Square lacquered plastic **TRAY** in Aqua, Bouclair, bouclair.com.

$2,195

5 Vintage hickory **DRESSER** with cultured marble top, Carrocel, carrocel.com.

$269

6 Polyamide Docksta **DINING TABLE** with painted fibreboard top, 41", IKEA, ikea.ca.

$249

7 Lacquered rubberwood Lyla **DINING CHAIR** in Black, EQ3, eq3.com.

$89

8 Seagrass and polyester Sinnerlig **RUG** with jute edging, 7′ x 10′, IKEA, ikea.ca.

$99

9 Lacquered stained beech Norraryd **DINING CHAIR,** IKEA, ikea.ca.

$70US

10 Blown glass Monroe **VASES** in White, $40 US (extra large), and $30 US (medium), Pottery Barn, potterybarn.com.

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chair affair

Our High and Low room sets have a uniform yet collected feel thanks to the mismatched monochromatic **dining chairs.** The true hero, however, is the table, a timeless Saarinen-inspired piece in unassuming white, which makes it easy to play with the seating combinations to create your preferred aesthetic. For instance, using a single style of chair in contrasting hues imparts a playful vibe, repeating one shape in one colour results in a formal look and picking diverse silhouettes in varied finishes lends an eclectic feel. The possibilities are endless!

playful

Era armed bentwood beech in White, Red and Turquoise, $363 each, Design Within Reach, dwr.com.

formal

Black-painted pine and ash Windsor-style, $545 each, Sharon O'Dowd, sharonodowd.com.

Polyamide Docksta **DINING TABLE** with painted fibreboard top, $269, IKEA, ikea.ca.

eclectic

Lacquered rubberwood Lyla in Forest Green, $249, EQ3, eq3.com; varnished beech and plywood No.18 in Natural, $242, Ton, ton-canada.com; painted beech-wood Willa in Dove, $199, Crate and Barrel, crateandbarrel.com.

GLAM SQUAD

Even the most casual dining space can use a little bit of sparkle, and our High and Low **brass-finished chandeliers** deliver just that. Their linear silhouettes are quite popular, so the look is easy to achieve on any budget.

» HIGH

$2,670

Brass 6-light geometric frame with tapered arms, Union Lighting and Furnishings, unionlf.com.

$1,008

Kichler brass 8-light Erzo in Natural Brass, Wayfair.ca.

$965

Robert Abbey steel 8-light Delany in Antique Brass Finish, Universal Lamp, greatlighting.com.

$220

Canvas brushed brass 5-light Harlowe, Canadian Tire, canadiantire.ca.

« LOW

building block

For a graphic element, we colour-blocked the door by painting its trim and the wall directly above it teal, but just about any blue will suit this laid-back neutral space – so go ahead and experiment!

dress to impress

Looking to beef up your dining room's storage capacity? Forgo the typical hutch or sideboard and opt for a show-stopping **antique dresser.** Built in the Louis XVI style, our High option, made of solid walnut, features a marble top and brass hardware. More than just a looker, the practical piece boasts deep wide drawers ideal for storing everything from platters and flatware to placemats and napkins.

White clay **BOWL,** $165, Peaks & Rafters, peaksandrafters.com.

Fresh Spin

Too often is the laundry room cast in the shadowy depths of a home, welcomed by none and entered by few. But before you throw in the towel and admit decor defeat, take cues from these two stylish country-inspired spaces.

TEXT BRITTANY DEVENYI

LAUNDRY ROOM

1

CLASSIC FARMHOUSE

1. **CONTAINED CHAOS** "I wanted a place where I would enjoy doing laundry, but at the same time, it had to be functional," says Fort Langley, B.C.-based designer Kelley McNamara. To create order, she settled on lower cabinets with deep drawers instead of shelves to maximize space and provide easy access to oft-used items like detergents and stain removers.

2. **BALANCING ACT** To lend her laundry room country character without breaking the bank, the designer opted for inexpensive white and grey porcelain floor tiles set in a checkered pattern. This helped justify her decision to splurge on handmade glazed terracotta backsplash tiles, which add interesting texture to the space – especially when the light shines in through the nearby window.

3. **DREAMY DETAILS** A patterned linen Roman shade injects subtle personality into the room. Other thoughtful accents, such as elegant corbels, sturdy baskets and glass apothecary jars, elevate the classic farmhouse look further.

4. **HAPPY HAMPER** When you have two children who play sports, unwashed items tend to pile up quickly. The solution? A rolling laundry sorter. "We each have our own bag, and the kids know to throw their clothes in once they're done playing," says Kelley. "It works perfectly!"

DESIGN, Kelley McNamara Design, 604-417-1315; **BACKSPLASH TILES,** World Mosaic Tile; **ROMAN SHADE FABRIC,** JF Fabrics; **MIRROR,** Revamp Furniture Garage; **LIGHT FIXTURE,** Ocean Pacific Lighting; **LAUNDRY SORTER,** Amazon.ca.

PHOTOGRAPHY, TRACEY AYTON

▶ Brass 4-inch semi-flush Eastmoreland **LIGHT FIXTURE** in Polished Nickel, $255 US, Rejuvenation, rejuvenation.com.

5 WAYS TO get the look

PB Classic extra-large glass **CANISTER,** $44 US, Pottery Barn, potterybarn.com.

Nexus self-adhesive vinyl **FLOOR TILE** in White, 12" x 12", $23 per pack of 20, O.co.

◀ Behr Seagull Gray N360-1 **PAINT,** The Home Depot, homedepot.ca.

▲ Honey-Can-Do Quad **LAUNDRY SORTER,** $140, Walmart, walmart.ca.

LAUNDRY ROOM

2

MODERN RUSTIC

1. **TASTEFUL TEXTURE** "A laundry room doesn't have to be serious; I wanted to have fun with texture and make it a playful space," says designer Orsi Panos of her choice to include walnut-look veneer upper cabinets, heavily veined quartz countertops and slate-look porcelain floor tiles in her clients' Whitby, Ont., home. She tempered the look with high-gloss grey base cabinets and sleek hardware, which provide a modern edge.

2. **NEW NEUTRAL** Using the clients' existing navy washer and dryer as the jumping-off point, Orsi painted one wall as well as the laundry room's exterior door in a corresponding blue hue. "At the end of the day, navy is a neutral to me," she says. "The colour is subtle enough to work with different materials, and it also complements grey nicely."

3. HANGING AROUND After draping damp clothes on cupboard knobs for a few too many years, the homeowners were desperate for an upgrade. Orsi installed a wall-mounted drying rack, which she says was a worthwhile trade-off for less cabinetry space.

4. FULLY FUNCTIONAL The designer was careful to maximize every square inch of space, adding a custom countertop above the washer and dryer for ample folding room, budget-friendly upper and lower cabinets for housing bulky items and pretty baskets and canisters for catch-all purposes.

DESIGN, Orsi Panos Interiors, orsipanos.com; **CONTRACTING,** KMH Contracting & Design; Cloud White CC-40 **WALL PAINT,** Old Navy 2063-10 **ACCENT WALL & DOOR PAINT,** Benjamin Moore; **CABINETRY, RUNNER, DRYING RACK, CABINETRY HARDWARE,** IKEA; **COUNTERTOPS,** AABA Granite & Marble; Kenmore Elite **WASHER & DRYER,** Sears; **FLOOR TILES,** Whitby Tile Centre; **LIGHT FIXTURE, FAUCET,** The Home Depot.

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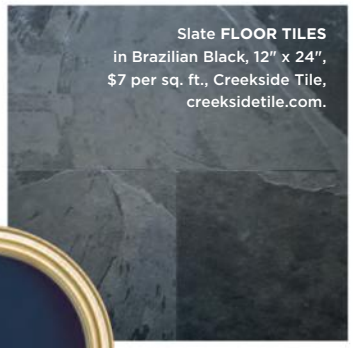
▲ Brushed nickel laser cut drum **LIGHT FIXTURE,** $100, The Home Depot, homedepot.ca.

5 WAYS TO get the look

Glass Cracker **CANISTER,** from $5, Canadian Tire, canadiantire.ca.



Slate FLOOR TILES in Brazilian Black, 12" x 24", $7 per sq. ft., Creekside Tile, creeksidetile.com.

◀ Rich Navy 50BB 08/171 **PAINT,** CIL Paint, cil.ca.

▶ Seagrass Savannah **LAUNDRY BASKET,** $99 US, Pottery Barn, potterybarn.com.

Style at Home design editor Stacy Begg and husband Don Saynor (pictured here with friends) reconfigured their backyard to accommodate designated hangout and eating zones for adults and kids alike.

Outdoor **ARMCHAIRS**, HomeSense; **STRING LIGHTS**, Canadian Tire; **LANTERNS** (on stairs), Sheridan Nurseries; **LANTERN** (on dining table), West Elm.

It's summer, and you want to be outside, hanging around with friends, eating garden-fresh fare and sipping refreshing drinks. Let our guide be your go-to for hosting warm-weather get-togethers with simplicity and style.

STYLE AT HOME'S *guide to* EFFORTLESS OUTDOOR PARTIES

TEXT, AMANDA ETTY; PHOTOGRAPHY, ANGUS FERGUSSON (EXTERIOR)

AMBIENT LIGHTING

To keep the party going beyond sunset, simply hang strings of lights along the fence and among tree branches. Make sure to also include lights above your entertaining zones (lounging and eating areas, for example) to create an intimate atmosphere. We recommend café-style string lights with elegant rounded bulbs that give off a warm glow and lend a casual bistro vibe. As for running cords throughout the yard, be strategic: Choose strands that can plug into one another so only one extension cord is needed; don't run the cord across high-traffic areas (tuck it along the fence line instead); and select a cord that coordinates with your surroundings (white to match your trim, for example).

TASK LIGHTING

Illuminate sitting and dining areas with pillar candles set in glass lanterns. In spots where more light is required (such as the drinks station or buffet table), include a grouping of three or more lanterns. Keep mosquitoes at bay by using citronella candles in lounging zones (but never place scented candles on the dinner table). Be sure to light up stairways and footpaths for safe movement throughout the backyard.

GlucksteinHome Edison Bulb **STRING LIGHTS,** 11′, $30, Hudson's Bay, thebay.com.

editors' picks *string lights*

BRIGHTEN UP THE PARTY AND CREATE A BUSTLING BISTRO VIBE WITH CAFÉ-STYLE STRING LIGHTS. HERE ARE OUR FAVOURITES.

Canvas Montmarte **STRING LIGHTS,** 34′, $90, Canadian Tire, canadiantire.ca.

Clear Café **STRING LIGHTS,** 10′, $20, The Home Depot, homedepot.ca.

Metallic Dipped **STRING LIGHTS,** 9′, $79 US, Pottery Barn, potterybarn.com.

DRINKS STATION

A general rule of thumb when serving drinks: Unless you're a pro mixologist, keep cocktails simple. Always have chilled beer and wine at the ready and master one or two refreshing mixed bevvies that are easy to put together (see Garden Cocktails on page 49).

BAR CART, Hudson's Bay; **VEGETABLE TRUG,** Lee Valley; Iron Mountain 2134-30 **VEGETABLE TRUG STAIN,** Benjamin Moore; terracotta **PLANTER, PLANTS,** Sheridan Nurseries.

bar cart must-haves

1. Outdoor-safe glasses
Choose shatterproof ones for barefoot-friendly entertaining.

2. Spirits and garden-fresh garnishes
Bring out everything you need to make your signature cocktails.

3. Ice bucket
Keep chilled wine and beer close at hand.

These roomy buckets are perfect for storing condiments, too.

Double **BEVERAGE TUB** with stand, $159 US, Pottery Barn, potterybarn.com.

bottle service

Eliminate the flow of guests moving in and out of the house by keeping refreshments near the action. With two sturdy galvanized iron tubs, this stand keeps alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks separate and allows partygoers to help themselves (so the host can sit back and enjoy the festivities).

editors' picks *plastic glasses*

PLAY IT SAFE WITH OUTDOOR-FRIENDLY DRINKING GLASSES.

1 Marilla **GOBLET** in Blush, $6 US, Anthropologie, anthropologie.com; **2** GlucksteinHome Tritan **MARTINI GLASS,** $5, Hudson's Bay, thebay.com; **3** Hobnail **WINEGLASS,** $9, West Elm, westelm.com; **4** stemless **WINEGLASS,** $6, Crate and Barrel, crateandbarrel.com; **5** Chenco Edge **COCKTAIL GLASS,** $44 per set of 4, Wayfair.ca.

garden cocktails

TRY THESE TWO REFRESHING BOTANICAL BEVERAGES, EXCERPTED FROM *FORAGER'S COCKTAILS* BY AMY ZAVATTO, AT YOUR NEXT ALFRESCO GATHERING.

WILD MINT MOJITO

- 7 to 8 fresh mint leaves, rinsed and patted dry
- 1 lime, rinsed, dried and quartered
- 3 to 4 oz club soda
- 2 oz white rum
- 1 oz mint syrup*
- 1 sprig of fresh mint, for garnish

Drop the mint leaves and lime quarters into a Collins glass and muddle. Fill with crushed ice. Add the club soda, rum and mint syrup. Stir and garnish with the mint sprig.

*Mint Syrup

- 1 cup fresh mint leaves
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water

Drop the mint leaves into a saucepan. Briefly muddle the leaves, pressing on them until they begin to break down slightly. Add the sugar and water and simmer over medium heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Allow to cool. Strain out the leaves, transfer to a sealed container and refrigerate for up to a month.

SMARTY PANTS

- 3 to 4 fresh sage leaves, rinsed and patted dry
- ½ oz freshly squeezed orange juice, divided
- 2½ oz London dry gin
- ½ oz dry vermouth
- 1 broad orange peel and sprig of fresh sage (optional), for garnish

Drop the sage leaves into a mixing glass. Add a little of the fresh orange juice and muddle, pressing on the leaves until they begin to break down slightly. Half-fill the glass with ice cubes. Pour in the gin, vermouth and the remaining orange juice. Stir for 25 to 30 seconds. Strain slowly into a cocktail glass and garnish with the orange peel and sage sprig, if using.

party prep

If it can be done ahead of time, do it. Do you have enough plates and cutlery? Bags of ice? Do you need to dig out a few platters from the backs of your cupboards? Have you calculated how many drinks you'll need? Here's some handy party math: Assume each guest will have at least one drink per hour (10 guests over two hours equals 20 drinks); there are approximately five glasses of wine per bottle; a 750 ml bottle of liquor contains enough for 24 mixed drinks.

The Vancouver-based team at Celsia Floral created this verdant wreath planted with fresh herbs for garnishing drinks and meals. Learn how to make your own at styleathome.com/herbwreath.

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LEFT Stacy and Don's kids, Georgia, 7, and Tommy and Willie, both 6, share some delicious ice pops with their bestie Madeleine, 6.

TEEPEE, Ashley Gabby.

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editors' picks *lawn games*

SO ADULT GUESTS CAN KICK BACK WITH A MOJITO, HAVE SOME DISTRACTIONS FOR THE LITTLE ONES: PLENTY OF LAWN GAMES (AND ICE POPS, OF COURSE).

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1 Sunnylife Play On **PING PONG SET** with portable net in Pineapple, $52, Indigo, indigo.ca; **2 BADMINTON SET,** $200, Crate and Barrel, crateandbarrel.com; **3 BOCCE SET,** $159, **4** wooden 6-player **CROQUET SET,** $239, Lee Valley, leevalley.com; **5** Sterling Games **LAWN BOWLING SET,** $49, Wayfair.ca; **6 YARD DICE,** $50 US per set of 6, Snake Eyes Yard Games, yarddice.com.

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serving suggestions

QUICK-PREP NO-COOK PARTY FARE FROM CANADA'S TOP CHEFS.

michael smith

AVOCADO CORN GUACAMOLE

Guacamole with sweet corn kernels, spicy jalapeno and fresh cilantro.

roger mooking

MANGO SANGRIA

A patio-season favourite with a tropical twist: Mix mango juice, white wine and Prosecco. Cheers!

chuck hughes

SHRIMP WITH COCKTAIL SAUCE

Cold shrimp with a zippy cocktail sauce, all served in individual glass dishes.

anna olson

PEACH FROZEN YOGURT

This light and easy dessert comes together with fresh peaches, yogurt, whipping cream and sugar.

david hawksworth

HALIBUT CEVICHE

A perfect summertime dish made with lime juice and zest and sliced jalapenos for an added kick.

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TEXT MARY LEVITSKI

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A stylist creates a beachy getaway for her family of four in their southern Ontario backyard.

no place like home

Homeowner Eddie Cimbron-Corner got her version of a cottage (sans the commute) by incorporating a pool, a cabana and three outdoor sitting areas in her Caledon, Ont., backyard. The sleek architecture and linear landscaping affirm the stylist's love of industrial design.

DESIGN, C2 Interior Designs, c2-interiors.com; **ARCHITECTURE, CONTRACTING,** Karabin Design Build; **LANDSCAPING,** Denson Landscaping; **POOL,** BonaVista; **GARAGE DOOR,** Car-Wal Door Systems.

The cabana's coast-inspired blue and white interior transports this family and their guests to a sunnier locale. "When we're here, we actually feel like we're away," says Eddie.

Outdoor **SECTIONAL & COFFEE TABLE** (painted), Costco; wooden **STOOL** with hide cover, yellow **TOSS CUSHION,** HomeSense.

Five years ago, when deciding whether to buy a cottage or get a pool, Eddie Cimbron-Corner didn't ponder for long: With close to 30 acres of land on Ontario's picturesque Niagara Escarpment, she reasoned, "We're already in cottage country." Besides, the idea of uprooting and commuting every weekend didn't appeal to Eddie and her clan, which includes husband Dave Corner, daughters Lauren and Victoria (12 and 8) and spunky pooch Clyde.

The stylist envisioned an outdoor oasis complete with a saltwater pool, several sitting areas and a spacious kitted-out cabana. Her past life as a retail designer dictated the look. "I gravitate to the simple, graphic lines

RIGHT Eddie – pictured with hubby Dave, daughters Victoria (left) and Lauren and pooch Clyde – chose durable finishes for the cabana because "things get banged up with kids, a dog and guests coming and going." The large resin wicker sectional has fared well, despite the fact that it's spray-painted. "It looked white online, but it arrived in a peachy beige," says Eddie. "I was aghast! But the components all fit perfectly, so I made it work."

LEFT, ABOVE "The kids want to be in the pool day and night, and we're here watching," explains Eddie, referring to this chic outdoor sitting area. But she's not complaining, and who would be, when the adjacent self-serve mini-bar is open 24-7? The wooden screen in the background is a DIY project by the stylist.

Outdoor **ARMCHAIRS,** InsideOut Patio; **SIDE TABLES,** HomeSense; Tolix **STOOLS,** Design Within Reach.

LEFT "We don't have an ocean nearby," quips beach-lover Eddie, "so I had to recreate one for myself!" The 640-square-foot saltwater pool is lined with marbelite, a spray-on concrete composite so smooth to the touch she likens it to dolphin skin.

Outdoor **LOUNGERS,** D.O.T. Furniture; metal **PLANTERS,** IKEA; globe **LIGHTS,** HomeSense.

LEFT The Cimbron-Corner crew takes pizza making very seriously. Dave – who built the oven, sourcing the Mugnaini insert directly from Italy – is the head chef, but Eddie makes killer tomato sauce and toppings, while the girls are expert dough rollers. All the prep work is done at the free-standing island, which the homeowners fitted with a Carrara marble top – a baker's dream.

Tolix **STOOLS,** Design Within Reach.

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"Dave built the pizza oven with his dad. That's his baby, but we all love it."

of industrial design," says Eddie. To that end, the modern L-shaped pool and super-sleek metal and concrete cabana are complemented by linear landscaping.

When it came time to decorate the cabana's interior, however, wanderlust pulled Eddie in a wholly different direction. Dreaming of the time she spent on the coasts of California and Portugal (her parents' homeland), she introduced a scheme of watery blues and sun-bleached neutrals punctuated with beachy accessories. Dave gave his creative wife free rein over the design, but he did claim one corner of the cabana to realize a vision of his own: having a wood-burning pizza oven. "That's his baby," says Eddie of the structure Dave built with his father, "but we all love it."

When the family isn't crafting personalized pies at the free-standing island, fixing a bevvie at the mini-bar or playing board games on the large sectional indoors, they're outside, splashing in the water, huddling around the firepit or sunbathing on the loungers. With such a welcoming multi-faceted retreat at their disposal, this brood has no regrets about forgoing a cottage. And the best part? They're always steps away from the convenience of home sweet home.

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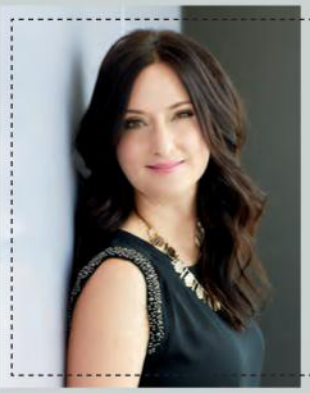
Editor-in-chief Erin McLaughlin curated her favourite hues in the **Beauti-Tone Paint Style at Home Country Colour Collection 2.**



OLDENBURG FD083-0

Erin loves how this blue-grey paint acts as a sophisticated neutral backdrop for any setting, from modern to traditional.

tip: Make an inexpensive piece of furniture appear custom by painting it the same shade as your wall. This coffee table was given an extra decorator's touch with the addition of a complementary colour: **Hudson FD099-0.**

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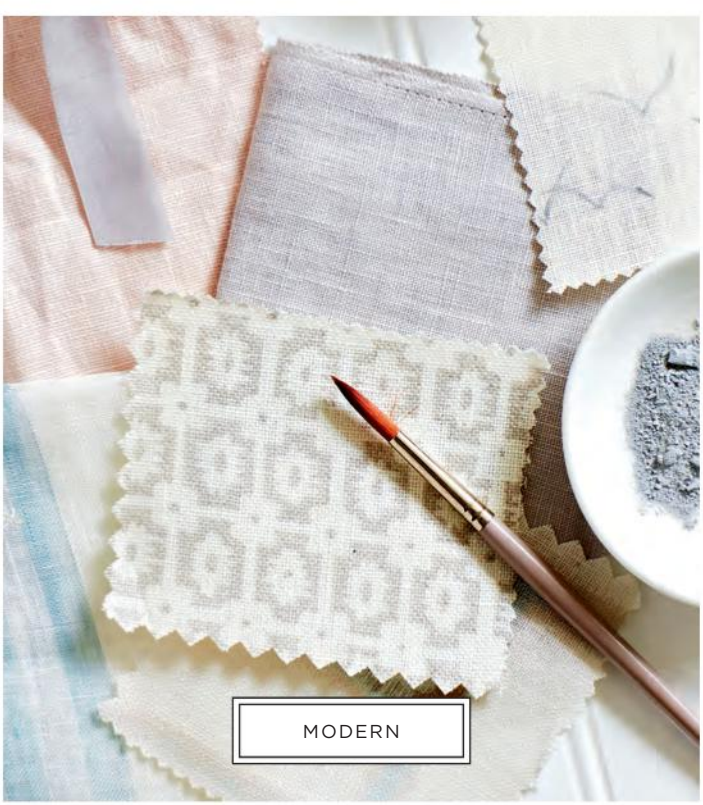
SHADES OF SUMMER



With its formula for pretty, relaxed rooms and antique details, its authentic patina and its family-friendly vibe, cottage style – that embodiment of easy living – needs little introduction. Here, we've chosen three perfect palettes to celebrate our favourite decorating look of the season.

PRODUCER ANN MARIE FAVOT
PHOTOGRAPHY VIRGINIA MACDONALD

GET THE LOOK

- *faded florals*
- *relaxed slipcovers*
- *pastel shades*
- *painted furniture*
- *weathered whites*
- *time-worn accessories*
- *heirloom linens*

CLASSIC

The soft and delicate palette of classic cottage style relies on timeless pale shades that make any room feel airy and bright. Think layers of linen and edgings of lace mixed with antique dressers and crystal chandeliers.

GET THE LOOK

- *juicy colours*
- *mid-century modern pieces*
- *bold geometrics*
- *distressed finishes*
- *kitschy collectibles*
- *statement lighting*
- *perfect imperfection*

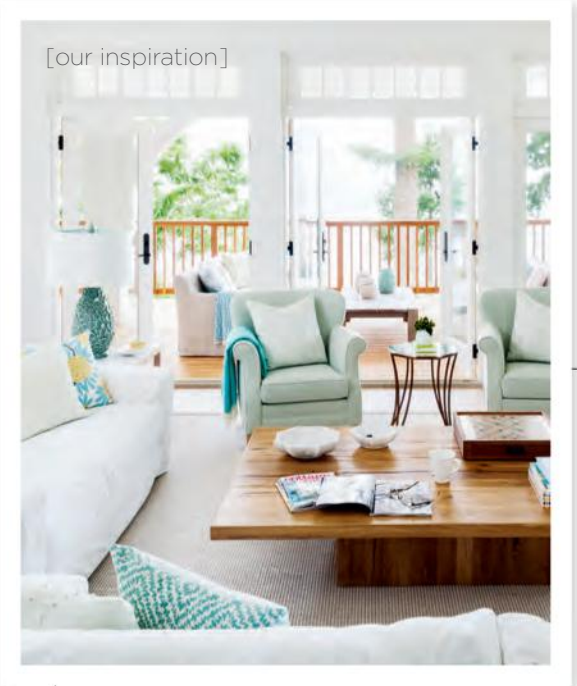
A vibrant retro palette is the calling card of vintage cottage style, offering a ’50s and ’60s vibe that makes a room swing, baby! Think nostalgic motifs and fibreglass lampshades mixed with wrought-iron accents and painted seascapes.

GET THE LOOK

- *white walls*
- *light wood tones*
- *woven accents*
- *hits of black*
- *touchable textures*
- *stripes and solids*
- *clean lines*

MODERN

An emphasis on serene, natural and minimal marks the muted palette of modern cottage style, lending a soothing spirit to any space. Think neutral flooring and organic fabrics mixed with beachy details and sculptural ceramics.



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why WE LOVE IT

Few things add character and warmth to a home quite like timeless furniture in neutral tones set beside stylish rustic pieces.

where IT WORKS

Whether you're updating an existing room or outfitting a new space from scratch, these classic items will add a soft, tranquil feel to any area of your home.

who IT'S FOR

First-time homebuyers, growing families and empty nesters alike can easily achieve this breezy, beach house look without breaking the bank.

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EASY SUMMER LIVING

What could be better than a lazy August day that demands nothing more than a hammock, a book and a cool glass of lemonade? Maybe a lazy August day that involves filling up a few more glasses and chilling with your besties as well. We're all for treating every day of this month as if it were the weekend, gathering with friends and entertaining with ease.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Designer Jessica Waks gives this family's second cottage its own unique flair, creating a spot to accommodate not only guests but also generations to come.

TEXT SARA CATION | **PHOTOGRAPHY** STACEY BRANDFORD

"Creating a furniture plan for the grand living room was tricky because it has so many points of entry," says designer Jessica Waks. "Not only did it need to seat a lot of people, but it also had to look good from all angles." Jessica cleverly selected items like the blue swivel armchairs that can face the central sitting area, the fireplace or the view (win-win-win)!

DESIGN, Jessica Claire Interiors, jessicaclaire-interiors.com; **CONTRACTING,** Heritage Property Development; Cloud White CC-40 **WALL PAINT** (throughout), Benjamin Moore; **ARMCHAIRS,** Elte; **LOVESEAT,** South Hill Home; **LOVESEAT FABRIC,** Kravet Canada; **COFFEE TABLE,** Munro's Furnishings; **SIDE TABLE,** Ethan Allen; **SCONCE,** faux **ANTLERS,** Restoration Hardware.

OPPOSITE The owners' sheltie likes to bark at the boats passing by this Lake Simcoe cottage in Innisfil, Ont.

MUSKOKA CHAIRS, SIDE TABLE, InsideOut Patio.

To make a statement in the foyer, Jessica set visually interesting pieces like the vintage spool-legged console with a curvy linen-upholstered settee against a simple, traditional pedestal table. The jug of maple branches is a nod to the cottage's sylvan surroundings.

PEDESTAL TABLE, Munro's Furnishings; **SETTEE, RUG,** Elte; **CONSOLE,** Of Things Past; **MIRROR,** Sharon O'Dowd; lantern-style **LIGHT FIXTURE,** Universal Lamp.

"I used a REFINED RUSTIC AESTHETIC to temper [the cottage's] grand architecture."

FAR LEFT Above the console in the great room, the designer framed and hung a simple grid of antique Simcoe County maps. Believe it or not, the stunning console was a Craigslist purchase. "I love finding preloved pieces online, at markets and at consignment stores – there are such gems to uncover," says Jessica, who skilfully pairs these secondhand scores with new custom items.

SCONCES, Restoration Hardware.

BELOW Meals are often served alfresco with stunning views of Lake Simcoe on the side. To visually connect the two properties, Jessica chose the same outdoor dining furniture for this space as she did for the other cottage next door. "I love how the teak's grey stain and toss cushions match the stonework and siding of the home's exterior," she says.

Outdoor **DINING TABLE & CHAIRS, PATIO UMBRELLA,** Restoration Hardware.

Nudged awake by the sweet smell of fresh cinnamon buns wafting from the kitchen, sleepy family members lumber downstairs, along the way catching sweeping views of serene Lake Simcoe – calm and quiet before the afternoon action takes hold. It's a common Sunday scene at this Innisfil, Ont., cottage, which is peaceful in the morning until everyone gets up and silence gives way to animated chit-chat and laughter. Often, it's not just the occupants of this abode in attendance, but the next-door neighbours as well – after all, they're family, too.

The homeowners, a Toronto couple with four adult daughters and two toddler grandchildren, weren't planning on purchasing a new place – they bought a cottage only five years ago (featured in *Style at Home*'s July 2013 issue) – but when this 7,000-square-foot three-storey structure directly next door to the first became available, the owners decided to take advantage of the unique opportunity to keep their rapidly expanding family together on these adjacent vacation properties.

To make the cottages look cohesive, they rehired designer Jessica Waks – *Style at Home*'s former design editor – of Jessica Claire Interiors, who had perfectly appointed their first place. "The homeowners wanted the spaces to have their own identities but to also look unified," says Jessica, discussing how she took the nautical tone of the first property and layered a more country feel into the second. "I used a refined rustic aesthetic to temper its

"The windows in the dining room look out to the front and side of the property," says Jessica, "so to make up for the lack of lake views and to add visual interest, I chose a charming paisley wallpaper." The blue-grey tone of the print perfectly matches the original slate fireplace surround.

WALLPAPER, Bilbrough & Co.; **DINING TABLE, DINING CHAIRS,** Munro's Furnishings; **RUG,** Elte Market; **CHANDELIER, SCONCE,** Restoration Hardware.

grand architecture, which boasts a spacious foyer and formal principal rooms," she says.

Jessica was thinking Nantucket rather than classic Canadiana ("it's more in keeping with the beach locale," she says) when she rescued the dark and dated interior from its 1980s time warp. The most notable offences? Upholstered doors, inexplicable wall cut outs, tacky floral wallpaper (even on the ceiling in some rooms), mismatched flooring (including fruit-patterned tiles and pink-stained oak), heavily swathed valances, forest green toilets and sinks and a bizarre balcony that jutted into the living room from the second floor. In other words, the cottage called for a complete overhaul.

So Jessica started fresh in almost every room, smoothing out the architectural oddities and replacing the flooring with dark-stained oak hardwood, which contrasts the newly white walls throughout – a timeless and cohesive envelope for the elegant nautical look.

Key steps in the transformation included trading out the main floor's heavy drapery for soft sheers (this was especially impactful in the great room, with its 24-foot-tall windows); repainting the great room's pink-tinted coffered ceiling a crisp white; adding decorative details like patterned wallpapers in the dining room, powder room and bedrooms; and replacing the kitschy kitchen

LEFT & LEFT, ABOVE In the kitchen, the white beadboard cabinetry offers a light and airy country look that's grounded by darker elements, such as the leathered black granite perimeter countertops and slate-look floor tiles. The wide butcher block-topped island provides ample space for the homeowners, who are avid cooks, to prep meals for their large family.

Custom **CABINETRY,** AGS Kitchens; **COUNTERTOPS,** Regal Granite; **BACKSPLASH TILES,** Ciot; **APPLIANCES,** Tasco; **STOOLS,** Munro's Furnishings; **FLOOR TILES,** Olympia Tile + Stone; **PENDANT LIGHTS,** Restoration Hardware; **CABINETRY HARDWARE,** Antique Door and Hardware.

with one that has a chic Hamptons-inspired vibe.

As for the finishing touches, store-bought and custom furnishings (most designed by Jessica herself) blend well with vintage and coastal accessories throughout – accents that are also present in the first cottage. This space's refined indigo, linen, ivory and black palette is slightly more sophisticated than the brighter blue and white one on display in its counterpart, so each building feels like a natural extension of the other rather than a carbon copy.

The unity of these complementary cottages is underscored by the stone paths that lead from each back door to a shared beach and dock. Here, the family congregates on summer afternoons. Adults sip wine and take in the sun while toddlers swim and build sandcastles – the group, with guests, can swell to 30 or 40 people at any given time. But no matter where they stay (there are no assigned bedrooms), they'll gather to enjoy meals together. After all, that's the mandate of most Canadian cottages…and these homeowners are really, *really* great cooks.

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TOP LEFT A pretty patterned wallpaper distracts from this powder room's awkward angles. Using the space's drawbacks to her advantage, Jessica leaned a vintage wooden ladder against the wall to hang towels for guests.

WALLPAPER, Farrow & Ball; **VANITY, SCONCES, FAUCET,** Restoration Hardware; **MIRROR,** PI Fine Art.

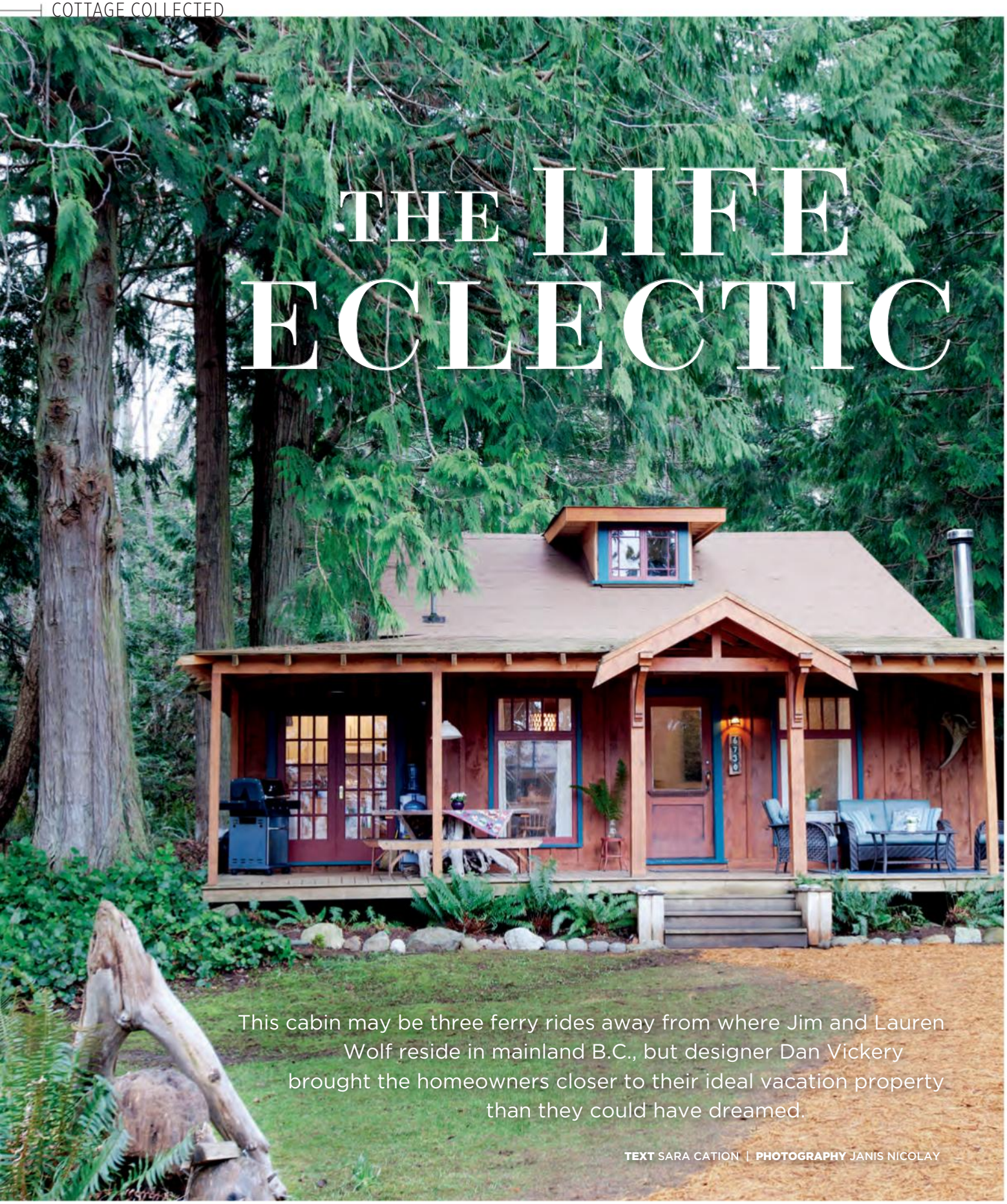
LEFT The third-floor "bunkie" boasts the most coveted sleeping area in the house: the queen bed in the window niche overlooking the lake. "You can see the sunrise from this spot," says Jessica. Nautical buffalo-check drapery offers sleepers privacy from the rest of the room.

BED FRAMES, plush **ROCKING DOG,** RH Baby & Child; **SHEET SETS,** West Elm; **COVERLETS,** Au Lit Fine Linens.

"The mirror's rope frame and the wallpaper's paisley pattern ARE IN KEEPING WITH ELEMENTS throughout the rest of the house."

THIS PAGE & OPPOSITE, TOP RIGHT "As a decorator, I love the strong sense of symmetry that comes from a set of twin beds," says Jessica, who had these hard-to-find spindle-framed beds for one of the rooms shipped from the US. "I like how they stand out against the wallpaper," she says. "You can really appreciate the spool detail."

WALLPAPER, Kravet Canada; Jenny Lind **BED FRAMES,** The Land of Nod; **NIGHTSTAND,** Of Things Past; **BEDDING,** Au Lit Fine Linens; **MIRROR,** Wayfair.ca; **TABLE LAMP,** Universal Lamp.



THE LIFE ECLECTIC

This cabin may be three ferry rides away from where Jim and Lauren Wolf reside in mainland B.C., but designer Dan Vickery brought the homeowners closer to their ideal vacation property than they could have dreamed.

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"Sometimes all that's needed to define the different areas of a great room is a little bit of extra breathing space in between," says designer Dan Vickery of the small open-concept main floor that features a living room, dining area and kitchen. In a clever twist on tradition, Dan used a basket as a shade for the dining room pendant light.

DESIGN, Dan Vickery, danvickerydesign.com; **FLOORING** (throughout), Woodland Wideplank Flooring; canvas **PRINT, BASKET** (used as pendant light shade), HomeSense.

"We didn't have to knock down walls. We had to put them up – and that almost never happens," says designer Dan Vickery on the transformation of this small cabin on Hornby Island, B.C. A project he took on as one of the hosts of W Network's new show *Love It or List It Vacation Homes*, the cottage was far from complete. Homeowners Jim and Lauren Wolf (he's a city planner, historian and author; she's the executive director of a not-for-profit organization) purchased the 700-square-foot space on a whim in 2005, and for the next 10 years, the New Westminster, B.C., couple spent vacations lovingly updating and expanding the cabin to suit their family, which includes 16-year-old son Griffin, Felix the Jack Russell terrier and Loonie, "a fat and fussy ginger tomcat." They raised the existing structure and set it on a new concrete foundation; flipped the blue-stained siding to reveal its natural cedar finish; and added an Arts and Crafts-style porch to suit the artist-populated island. And they didn't stop there: Jim and Lauren continued to enlarge the cottage, incorporating a full kitchen, extending the main-floor master bedroom ("so it could actually fit a queen-sized bed," he says) and building a second level for more bedrooms.

"Jim is an artist at heart," says Dan. "And while he's great at starting projects, he's not so great at completing them. When I entered the scene, the only finished rooms were the kitchen, bathroom and living area." But, Dan clarifies, the flooring was mismatched, and the bathroom had an exposed water heater at its centre. In addition, the master bedroom had no insulation, and the entire upstairs was built only to the studs. The challenge – made even more difficult by the fact that the island is three ferry rides

FAR LEFT The light-filled living room was one of the more finished areas of the cabin when Dan arrived on the scene. Apart from the flooring and a few blue accessories ("I love that the homeowners weren't afraid of colour," he says), almost everything else here stayed the same.

ARMCHAIRS, IKEA; **COFFEE TABLE, RUG,** HomeSense.

LEFT, MIDDLE The mud room/laundry room boasts a washer and dryer, open and closed storage and a bench for pulling shoes on and off. It even conceals the ugly water heater that was once exposed in the bathroom (just beyond that white door). "Since the area is open to the main living space, it had to look good," says Dan. "The result demonstrates how design can be beautiful and functional at the same time."

Slippery Shale 8328 **CABINETRY PAINT,** Pale Sisal OW155 **DOOR & TRIM PAINT,** Cloverdale Paint.

BELOW "If a client tells me they're not afraid of colour, I'm going to give it to them," says Dan, who incorporated bold hues, such as the rusty orange of the master bedroom's tufted armchair, throughout the house.

Grey Ghost 8474 **WALL PAINT,** Cloverdale Paint; **ARMCHAIR, FLOOR LAMP,** canvas **PRINT,** HomeSense.

"Every part of this place HAS A STORY. There's a sense of love and warmth AS SOON AS YOU WALK IN."

BELOW The homeowners' teenaged son, Griffin Wolf, was so thrilled to finally get a place of his own: Until now, his bedroom was just one big unfinished space. "There was no sense of privacy," says Dan. "Griffin's room was open to the living area below." An old paddle offers creative wall art that's perfectly fitting for Hornby Island, which attracts both artsy and sporty types.

First Frost 8316 **WALL PAINT,** Cloverdale Paint; **NIGHTSTAND, DUVET SET, SHEET SET, TABLE LAMP,** red **TOSS CUSHIONS,** HomeSense; **PENDANT LIGHT,** Design Lighting.

RIGHT Demarcated by new walls, Griffin's bedroom is positioned behind this little loft area, which is open to the downstairs living room. The cheerful space features a lounger (not shown) that unfolds into a small bed for guests wanting to spend the night, as well as this tiny office nook for anyone who has extra work to complete.

Ivory CA006 **WALL PAINT,** Cloverdale Paint; **DESK CHAIR, TASK LAMP,** HomeSense.

from mainland B.C. – may seem daunting to most, but Dan was in his element. "This was a fun project," he says. "We just had to fix some construction issues and put up some walls to define the upstairs bedrooms." (Ha! "Just.")

"The hardest part," says Dan, "was hunting down unique items that would speak to the character of the cabin, its artful setting and, especially, Jim and Lauren themselves." Of the couple's established style, he adds: "Every part of this place has a story. There are pieces from different vintage shops they've visited or vacations they've taken. There's a sense of love and warmth as soon as you walk in."

So to continue the welcoming atmosphere, Dan sourced a lot of items from the Free Store, a Hornby Island spot where people can adopt others' donated goods and building materials at no cost. It's where Dan located stuff like the sheet metal (used as a textured wall treatment in Griffin's room) and salvaged barnboard (turned into a herringbone headboard in the master bedroom, not shown).

The strategy was a success, because when it came time for Jim and Lauren to decide whether they'd keep this freshly renovated cabin or buy a new place (the premise of the Love It or List It franchise), it was a no-brainer: "The other properties couldn't match the sweat equity that we had already invested and would never have our history so entwined in every corner," says Jim. "This cottage is a part of our family's story."

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While a shiplap-look treatment lends texture to three of the walls in Griffin's new room, corrugated metal roofing provides interest on the fourth. "Colour is obviously critical to great design," says Dan. "But every space should take a good black and white picture as well, because when you take colour out of the equation, texture is what's left to analyze."

all *white* NOW

A designer lends her expertise to help a couple resolve a colourful debate over the scheme for their family cottage.

TEXT CHRISTY WRIGHT

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STYLING CHRISTINE HANLON

Accessories like the rope-hung mirrors and the lantern-style pendant lights make this practical space feel decorated. "I don't like to take risks when decorating," says one of the homeowners, "but I did want to mix things up in the kitchen so it didn't read as plain."

DESIGN, LVZ Design, lvzdesign.com; White Dove OC-17 **WALL PAINT** (throughout, except bedroom), Benjamin Moore; Pointing 2003 **CEILING BEAM PAINT,** Farrow & Ball; **APPLIANCES,** TA Appliance; custom **ROLLER SHADES** (throughout), The Blinds Brothers; **FLOORING** (throughout), Irvine Carpet One Floor & Home; **RUG, MIRRORS,** HomeSense; **PENDANT LIGHTS,** Union Lighting and Furnishings; **CABINETRY HARDWARE,** Rona Home & Garden.

"He wanted *dark tones and a woodsy Aspen vibe.* I wanted everything *white with clean lines.*"

The "he" referred to is the husband, the "I" speaking is the wife, and in terms of their decor preferences for this new-build 4,900-square-foot cottage overlooking Lake Simcoe in Innisfil, Ont., they were clearly at odds. But the Toronto-based couple, who has a seven-year-old daughter, a five-year-old son and a Samoyed puppy, did agree on one thing: The design had to be practical. And after many reassurances on the wife's part that her vision could be inviting and relaxing, she says, "My husband eventually gave me free rein. I wanted a gorgeous unfussy space that was easy to maintain."

To get the look, she turned to Lidia van Zyl, a designer based in Barrie, Ont., who's well known for decorating waterfront properties in the area. "When I was hired in 2014, the cottage was in its planning stage," says Lidia. "This allowed us to pore over the plans and confirm almost every detail before the walls went up." The walls themselves played a crucial role in setting the tone for the space. "Honouring the husband's preference for a traditional look, I incorporated shiplap into the mix," says Lidia. The wooden boards, which were

OPPOSITE Designer Lidia van Zyl played the natural tones of wood and stone against sleek black accents to create character in the living room. The tall armoire holds things like games, books and blankets, while the bare floor, a practical option, is easy to clean. A trio of metal sculptures above the reclaimed wood mantel is a departure from the expected mirror or artwork.

SOFAS, ARMOIRE, COFFEE TABLE, striped **TOSS CUSHIONS,** Restoration Hardware; **FOLDING STOOLS,** Elte; **CHANDELIER,** Sescolite; **WALL SCULPTURES,** At Home Interiors; **THROWS,** Linen Way.

LEFT In the foyer, the staircase's natural wood handrail and treads were a purposeful choice. "If we had painted them black, it would have drawn the eye up the stairs as opposed to straight through the cottage to the lake," says Lidia.

CONSOLE, STOOLS, tall white **VASE,** Elte; **RUNNER,** HomeSense.

ABOVE A mix of neutral tones creates subtle depth in the dining area. "The table and chairs appear white at first glance, but they're actually a soft shade of grey," says Lidia. The chandelier, painted white to downplay its ornate shape, illuminates everything from meals to crafts.

Custom **DINING TABLE,** J Wice Custom Woodworking; **DINING CHAIRS,** Windsor Workshop; Colonnade Gray SW 7641 **DINING TABLE & CHAIR PAINT,** Sherwin-Williams.

RIGHT "This cottage always makes me smile," says one of the homeowners. "It's an amazing feeling to open the front door to beautiful surroundings." The stone skirting – a concession to the Aspen look the husband wanted – ties in nicely with the herringbone brick walkway.

BENCHES, Joss & Main.

LEFT The artful arrangement of dark-hued antiques in an all-white area of the living room makes a graphic statement. The antlers are a family heirloom.

DESK, Restoration Hardware; **STOOL,** Lëuk bij Hermas.

ABOVE "I love a white kitchen because I don't like distractions when I'm cooking," says one of the homeowners, "and I can also see what needs to be cleaned." Low-maintenance Caesarstone countertops and a glossy tiled backsplash on the range wall make cleanup even easier. The massive island is outfitted with cupboards that hold cottage necessities, such as candles, batteries and a tool kit.

COUNTERTOPS, Caesarstone Canada; **BACKSPLASH TILES,** Desert Tile; **REFRIGERATOR,** TA Appliance; **SINK, FAUCET,** Bathworks; **STOOLS,** Restoration Hardware.

most often used in the construction of homes, were applied horizontally in the kitchen, powder room, foyer and master bedroom. "Shiplap, even when painted white, provides a rustic contrast to drywall and has an informal feel that really adds to the casual cottage vibe," says the designer.

While the scheme may be all white, it's anything but stark. "The key to decorating with white is to use different shades of it," says Lidia. "If you look closely, you'll see the walls are a crisp white, while the beams are coated with a warmer shade." Wide-plank pale hickory flooring completes the airy backdrop, which Lidia chose to punctuate with bold hits of black. "I love contrast, so I added black accessories to almost every room," she says. Lidia extended this theme to the furniture as well and, with the kids and puppy in mind, paid specific attention to

practicality. "The grey sofas in the living room are covered with indoor-outdoor fabric, so they're stain resistant and easy to clean," she says. "And some of the pieces, such as the living room coffee table and foyer console, are crafted from steel, so they're pretty much damage-proof." She also introduced a few well-placed antiques throughout the cottage to create interesting tension between old and new.

The 18-month process of building and decorating netted a year-round family retreat that Lidia describes as "refined but rustic." And even though the wife had total control, she did make an effort to include her husband – sort of. She says: "He really wanted dark floors, but even he conceded the light ones looked better. So I let him think he helped with that decision in a roundabout way. Now we're all happy!"

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OPPOSITE While the silhouette of the chandelier in the master bedroom is traditional, its wooden beads give it an earthy appeal that suits a cottage. The wicker basket, sisal rug and rustic artwork (it's made of wood and says "I Love Us") echo that earthiness, which is tempered by the black furniture.

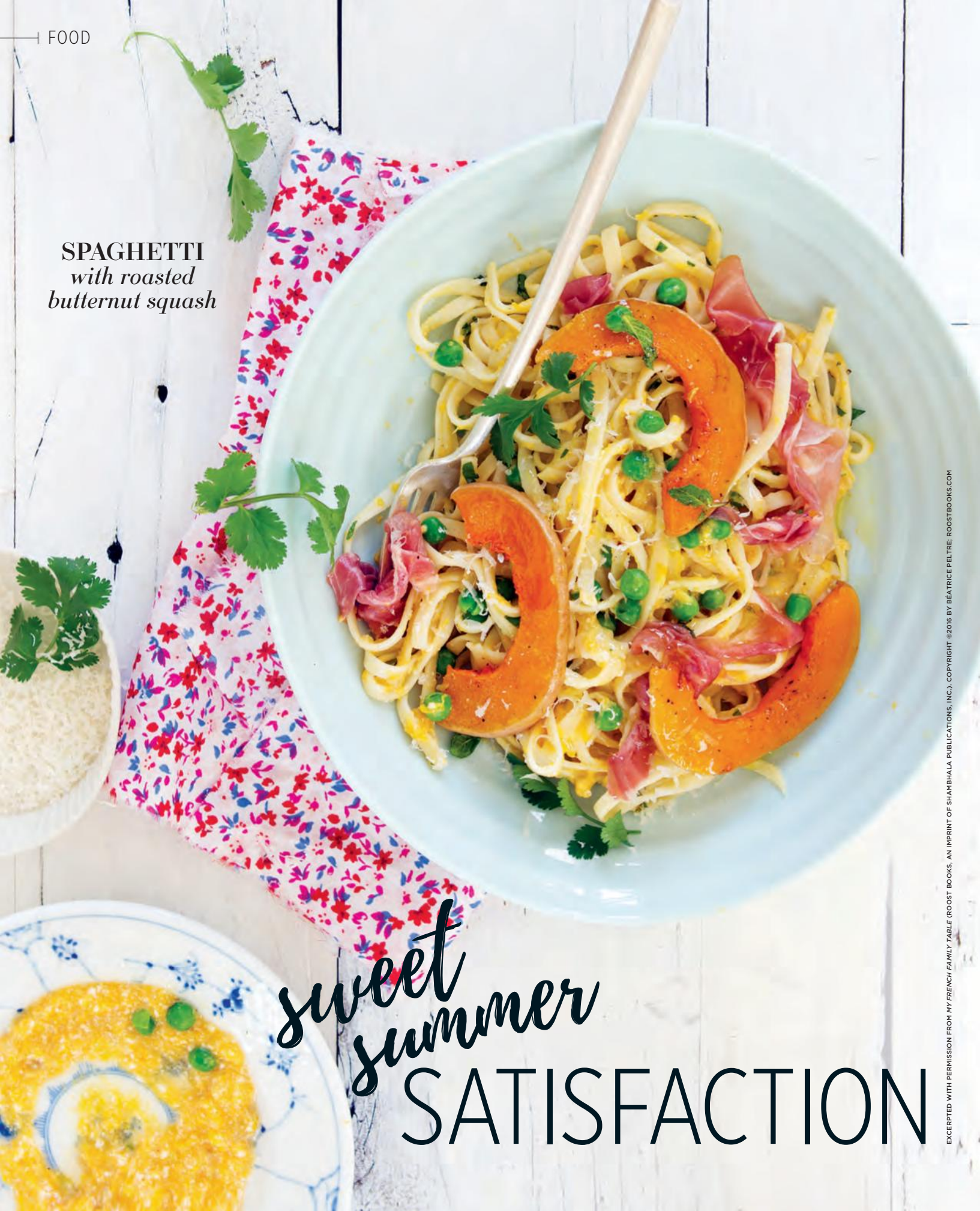
Behr Eon N370-2 **WALL PAINT,** The Home Depot; **BED FRAME, NIGHTSTAND, CHANDELIER,** Restoration Hardware; **RUG,** IKEA; **ARTWORK,** Lëuk bij Hermas; **THROW,** West Elm.

LEFT Hooks and baskets are enough to keep the mud room in order since the basement has ample storage. The built-in bench always comes in handy.

Black 2132-10 **DOOR PAINT,** Benjamin Moore; custom **BENCH & COAT RACK,** Laurin Carpentry; **FLOOR TILES,** Desert Tile; **RUNNER,** IKEA; **PENDANT LIGHT,** striped **TOSS CUSHION,** Restoration Hardware; solid **TOSS CUSHION,** HomeSense.

ABOVE Like the rest of the cottage, the powder room is energized with hits of black. "I love the graphic mosaic-look floor here," says Lidia. "It's actually 24-by-24-inch tiles, and they have just the right amount of pattern for a small space." Vintage racquets used as informal artwork perfectly fit the laid-back vibe of this family retreat.

VANITY, SCONCE, FAUCET, Restoration Hardware; **TOILET,** Bathworks; **FLOOR TILES,** Desert Tile.



SPAGHETTI
with roasted butternut squash

sweet summer SATISFACTION

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Some would say that pasta is a no go for a summer supper – too heavy, too hot, too ho-hum. Béatrice Peltre, chef, food stylist and author of the new cookbook *My French Family Table*, begs to differ. Her pasta creations, thrown together with the freshest vegetables straight from the garden, are nothing short of inspired. Peruse, make and taste the picks here, then see if you don't agree.

RECIPES & PHOTOGRAPHY BÉATRICE PELTRE

RED BEET GNOCCHI *with parmesan & parsley sauce*

RED BEET GNOCCHI WITH PARMESAN & PARSLEY SAUCE

SERVES **4** | MAKES ABOUT **60 GNOCCHI**

- 1 small beet, peeled and diced
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- 3 medium potatoes
- 1¼ cups finely grated Parmesan, divided
- 1 large egg
- ⅓ cup white rice flour
- ⅓ cup sweet rice flour
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- ¼ cup pine nuts
- 1½ cups whole or 2% milk
- 2 tbsp finely chopped fresh parsley or basil

Steam the beet until tender. Transfer to the bowl of a food processor and purée with the olive oil until smooth; set aside.

Cook the potatoes in a large pot of boiling water until tender. Let cool slightly, then peel; you want 14 ounces of potatoes once peeled. Pass them through a ricer with the beet purée; stir to combine completely. Add ½ cup of the Parmesan, the egg and the flours, stirring until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Divide the dough into 4 pieces and roll into 1"-thick logs. Cut the logs into ½" pieces and make a small imprint on each with a fork or gnocchi board; set aside.

In a small saucepan, toast the pine nuts over low heat for a few minutes until lightly golden; set aside.

Whisk together the milk and remaining Parmesan in a small pot. Cook for 2 minutes over low heat, stirring constantly, until the cheese melts and the sauce is thickened; set aside.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Drop in about 12 gnocchi (do not crowd the pot) and cook for 1 to 2 minutes, or until the gnocchi rise to the surface. Remove with a slotted spoon and transfer to a serving dish. Repeat with the remaining gnocchi.

When ready to serve, spoon some cheese sauce into the bottom of four shallow bowls. Add the gnocchi and spoon a little more sauce over them. Sprinkle with the parsley. Garnish with the pine nuts and sprinkle with extra cheese, if desired. Drizzle with olive oil and serve immediately.

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GRATIN DE PÂTES

SERVES **6**

- 2 slices toasted bread
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- ¾ cup grated Parmesan, divided
- 12 oz rigatoni pasta
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- ¼ red onion, chopped
- 3 sprigs fresh oregano
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 carrot, peeled and grated
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- ¼ cup dry white wine
- 1 lb tomatoes, diced, plus 1 tomato, sliced
- 1 bay leaf
- 1½ tsp brown sugar
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 cup whole-milk ricotta cheese
- 3 tbsp finely chopped fresh basil leaves
- ¼ cup pine nuts
- 4½ oz mozzarella cheese, diced
- Ground nutmeg to finish

Place the toast and parsley in the bowl of a food processor and pulse into fine crumbs. Transfer to a bowl and combine with ¼ cup of the Parmesan; set aside.

Cook the pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water according to the package directions. Drain and set aside.

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Brush the baking dish with olive oil; set aside. In a large sauté pan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the onion, oregano and thyme; cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, without browning. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute. Add the carrot and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in the tomato paste and cook for another minute. Add the wine and cook for 1 minute. Add the tomatoes, bay leaf and brown sugar and season with salt and pepper; cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Uncover and cook for another 5 minutes, or until the sauce is slightly reduced. Discard the oregano, thyme and bay leaf. Transfer the sauce to the bowl of a food processor, add the ricotta and purée until smooth.

In a large bowl, toss the pasta with the sauce, basil, pine nuts and remaining Parmesan. Transfer to the prepared baking dish, scatter with the mozzarella and sliced tomato and top with the breadcrumb mixture; add a drizzle of olive oil and sprinkle with the nutmeg. Bake the gratin for 30 minutes, or until lightly golden and crispy. Serve immediately.

asparagus & pistachio
PESTO PASTA

ASPARAGUS & PISTACHIO PESTO PASTA

SERVES **4** | MAKES **2 CUPS PESTO**

- 1 bunch asparagus, trimmed, tips reserved
- 1 cup packed fresh basil leaves
- ½ cup packed finely grated Parmesan
- 3 tbsp shelled unsalted pistachios or pine nuts
- 1 tsp finely grated lime zest
- 1 clove garlic
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- ¾ cup + 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- Freshly squeezed lime juice
- ¾ lb pasta of your choice
- 1 cup fresh green peas
- 1 cup cooked fava beans
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 oz feta cheese, crumbled
- ⅓ to ½ cup pitted kalamata olives

To prepare the pesto, blanch the asparagus stems in boiling salted water for 2 minutes. Transfer to an ice water bath to cool; drain and set aside.

In the bowl of a food processor, combine the asparagus, basil, Parmesan, pistachios, lime zest, garlic and a pinch of salt and pepper; pulse to finely chop. With the processor running, add ¾ cup of the olive oil in a steady stream, pulsing until a paste forms; stir in the lime juice. Season to taste and set aside.

Cook the pasta according to the package directions; drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, heat the 2 tablespoons olive oil in a frying pan over medium heat. Add the peas, fava beans, asparagus tips and minced garlic; sauté for 3 to 4 minutes, or until the asparagus is lightly cooked but still crunchy and green. Season with salt and pepper.

Toss the pasta with 1 cup of the pesto and divide among four plates. Top with the green vegetables, feta and olives; serve immediately. The remaining pesto can be stored in an airtight container in the fridge for up to one week.

SPAGHETTI WITH ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

SERVES **4**

- 1 3-lb organic butternut squash
- 2 cloves garlic, minced and divided
- 4 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 2 tsp ground coriander, divided
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 12 oz spaghetti
- 1 large shallot, finely chopped
- ½ cup whole-milk ricotta cheese
- 1 cup fresh green peas
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh mint
- Finely grated Parmesan to taste
- 16 slices bresaola
- 4 tbsp walnuts or hazelnuts, toasted and chopped
- Pumpkin seed oil or extra-virgin olive oil for drizzling

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Cut the top off the butternut squash; set aside. Cut the bottom part in half and scoop out the seeds. Cut half the squash into ½" slices. Pat the slices dry and transfer to a large bowl. Toss with half the minced garlic, 2 tablespoons olive oil and 1 teaspoon ground coriander. Season with salt and pepper and toss gently. Transfer to a rimmed baking sheet and bake until the squash slices are cooked through and lightly roasted, 25 to 30 minutes; set aside.

Meanwhile, peel the remaining half squash. Dice the flesh and steam in a medium pot until tender, about 15 minutes. Purée with a ricer or in a food processor; set aside.

Cook the pasta according to the package directions, reserving ¾ cup of cooking water.

In a frying pan, heat the remaining olive oil over medium heat. Add the remaining ground coriander with the shallot and sauté for 4 to 5 minutes, without browning, until soft. Add the rest of the garlic and cook for 1 minute. Add the ricotta, puréed squash and ½ cup of the cooking water from the pasta, stirring until combined. Simmer for 1 to 2 minutes to heat the sauce through. Add the pasta to the sauce, stirring to coat (add more pasta water if needed). Add the peas, cilantro and mint and cook for 1 minute – the peas should stay green and crunchy.

Divide the pasta among four plates and top with grated Parmesan. Garnish with the bresaola, roasted squash and walnuts and drizzle with the pumpkin seed oil; serve immediately.

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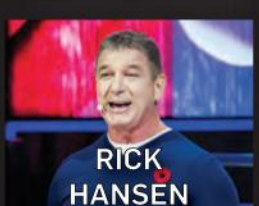

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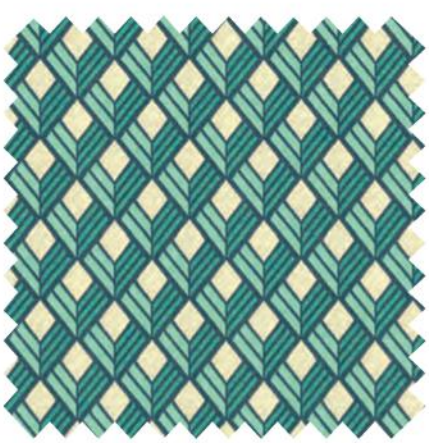

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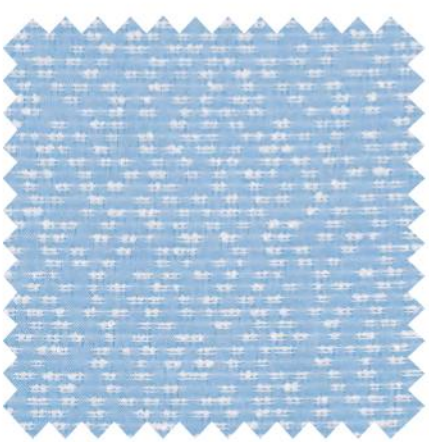

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